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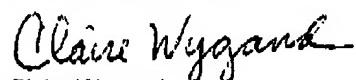
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<b>Phone:</b>		<b>Date:</b>	August 1, 2005
<b>Re:</b>	Application No. 10/664,764  Filed September 17, 2003  Our Ref.: 00/141 NUT C1  Response to Office Action dated 2/18/05	<b>CC:</b>	

Dear Examiner Wong,

Attached are the documents as indicated above.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Claire Wygand

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 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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## Complete If Known

Application Number	10/664,784
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First Named Inventor	Burgard
Examiner Name	L. A. Wong
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1001 770	2001 385	Utility filing fee	
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1202 18	2202 9	Claims in excess of 20
1201 88	2201 43	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203 290	2203 145	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204 88	2204 43	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205 16	2205 9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent
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1051 130	2051 65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1052 50	2052 25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053 130	1053 130	Non-English specification	
1812 2,620	1812 2,620	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804 920*	1804 920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805 1,840*	1805 1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1261 110	2281 55	Extension for reply within first month	
1262 420	2252 210	Extension for reply within second month	
1263 960	2253 475	Extension for reply within third month	
1264 1,480	2254 740	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1265 2,010	2255 1,005	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401 330	2401 165	Notice of Appeal	
1402 330	2402 165	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403 260	2403 145	Request for oral hearing	
1451 1,510	1451 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452 110	2452 65	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453 1,330	2453 665	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1601 1,330	2501 665	Utility issue fee (or release)	
1502 480	2502 240	Design issue fee	
1503 640	2503 320	Plant issue fee	
1480 130	1480 130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807 60	1807 50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
1808 180	1808 180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021 40	8021 40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809 770	2809 385	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
1810 770	2810 385	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
1801 770	2801 385	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
1802 900	1802 900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	
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In re Application of: Burgard *et al.*  
Application No.: 10/664,764  
Filed: September 17, 2003  
Title: SALTS OF L-AMINO ACIDS  
HAVING IMPROVED TASTE  
AND THEIR PREPARATION

Group Art Unit: 1761  
Examiner: L. A. Wong  
Confirmation No.: 4145

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated February 18, 2005 kindly consider the following amendments and remarks. Also enclosed is (i) a 3-month extension of time with credit card form and (ii) declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 132 of Dr. Andreas Burgard, attached as Exhibit I.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on Page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on Page 4 of this paper.